

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(99) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr asked:

1. Please provide, separately, for the years since 1999, details of the numbers of persons holding 456 and 457 visas who:
 - have been found to have breached their visa conditions; or
 - have had their visas cancelled for non-compliance.
2. Please also express these figures as a percentage of total visas granted for each year.

Answer:

1. The numbers of Subclass 456 visas and Subclass 457 visas (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) that have been cancelled are below.

It should be noted that Subclass 457 visas may be cancelled as a matter of administrative policy whenever a nominated primary visa applicant completes his employment and returns overseas earlier than originally anticipated by the employer. The Department is not able using current systems to identify precisely how many of the above Subclass 457 visa cancellations are substantive or administrative. However, the overwhelming majority of cancellations will be of an administrative nature.

| YEAR | Subclass 456 | | Subclass 457 | |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Number | % of Grants | Number | % of Grants |
| 1999-00 | 400 | 0.4% | Not available | Not available |
| 2000-01 | 240 | 0.2% | Not available | Not available |
| 2001-02 | 340 | 0.3% | 3,260 | 9.7% |
| 2002-03 | 730 | 0.6% | 5,520 | 15.0% |
| 2003-04 | 290 | 0.2% | 6,420 | 16.2% |
| 2004-05 | 280 | 0.2% | 7,820 | 16.1% |
| 2005-06 | 320 | 0.2% | 8,120 | 11.4% |

2. Refer to response to part 1.